From Across Senator Garcia's Desk: A Glimpse of Current Legislation and Critical Issues Affecting

Religious Organizations and the Faith-based Community

Garcia Co-Sponsors SB 1014 & 1015

Respecting the lives of babies

Senate Bills 1014 and 1015 were introduced this week.

SB 1014 would alter the definition of "pathological waste" so that an aborted baby's body parts or body in whole be excluded from the definition.

Currently, "pathological waste" means human organs, tissues, body parts other than teeth, products of conception, and fluids removed by trauma or during surgery or autopsy or other medical procedure, and not fixed in formaldehyde.

SB 1015 would require the fetal remains of stillborn, miscarried or aborted baby be given final disposition by burial, cremation or entombment.

If a miscarriage or stillbirth takes place in a health care facility the wishes of the parents regarding the final disposition must be followed.

Senator Garcia is a co-sponsor for this legislation.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution, or if you would like to provide a comment, please contact Senator Garcia via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.state.mi.us.